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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIALS	Aug. 1952	Aug. 1951	July 1952
Refractive Production (net tons).....	2,603	3,514	2,484
Biomimic Coal Prod. (net tons).....	34,320	47,184	35,850
Construction Contracts (\$B.).....	1,438,725	1,262,841	1,511,285
Copper Production ref. (net tons).....	95,166	76,613	96,042
Copper Deliveries ref. (net tons).....	125,941	104,938	115,179
Newspaper Production (net tons).....	584,327	566,137	579,731
Newspaper Shipments (net tons).....	587,981	580,344	578,187
Rayon yarn Deliveries (pounds).....	84,900	69,600	83,100
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....	8,499	8,739	1,627
Zinc Production (net tons).....	76,457	74,335	76,950
Zinc Shipments (net tons).....	78,415	74,191	83,153
July 1952	July 1951	June 1952	
Industrial Production (1918-1913=100)...	191.0	212.0	202.0
Mfg. Employment (1913=100).....	97.0	104.2	100.0
Mfg. Payrolls (1913=100).....	120.7	126.4	125.8
Lumber Production (barrels).....	21,342	22,433	20,748
Cement Shipments (barrels).....	23,584	24,239	22,067
Cigarette Production (units).....	33,701	30,252	35,595
Silk Production (net tons).....	.....	6,610	.....
Cotton Consumption (barrels).....	692,594	768,072	690,985
Electricity Production (kwhours).....	37,007	33,435	36,552
Lead Production (net tons).....	37,495	44,454	35,947
Lead Shipments (net tons).....	51,144	44,404	50,333
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales U. S.	211,894	492,116	518,710
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....	1,003	6,070	1,008
Rubber Consumption (tons).....	91,145	96,697	102,417
Tires - Production (units).....	1,097	6,718	7,366
Tires - Shipments (units).....	7,148	6,584	9,003

	June 1952	June 1951	May 1952
Gasoline Production (barrels).....	98,140	95,154	74,485
Petroleum Production (barrels).....	185,917	181,898	158,310
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....	204,762	197,245	152,002
Coal Consumption (pounds).....	15,200	45,200	38,300

FINANCIALS	Aug. 1952	Aug. 1951	July 1952
Bank Deposits, Total U. S. (\$B.).....	110,578	111,190	131,060
Bank Deposits, N. Y. C. (\$B.).....	43,166	41,363	57,052
Bank Deposits, Outside N. Y. C. (\$B.).....	67,412	69,827	74,008
Bond Sales N. Y. Stock Ex. (\$B.).....	39,139	52,111	62,240
Bond Sales N. Y. Corp. Ex. (\$B.).....	1,920	2,480	1,430
Bond Sales Municipal (\$B.).....	200,855	156,214	245,341
Life Insurance Sales (\$B.).....	56,462	55,416	61,075
Life Insurance Sales (\$B.).....	2,319	2,135	2,440
Stock Sales N. Y. Stock Ex. (shares).....	30,905	31,642	24,115
Stock Sales N. Y. Corp. Ex. (shares).....	6,200	8,220	6,730
July 1952	July 1951	June 1952	

Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$B.).....	1,012,400	1,186,100	1,154,000
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$B.).....	810,000	894,500	860,200
Freight Earnings, Gross (\$B.).....	790,718	817,038	814,318
Freight Earnings, Net (\$B.).....	16,000	18,000	46,000
Sales - Retail (\$B.).....	12,230	11,543	12,907
Sales - Wholesale (\$B.).....	8,549	7,980	9,213
Sales - Manufacturing (\$B.).....	19,979	19,201	21,708
Inventories - Retail (\$B.).....	16,071	18,777	17,134
Inventories - Wholesale (\$B.).....	9,206	10,097	9,349
Inventory - Manufacturing (\$B.).....	42,047	39,840	42,557
Int. 1000 (Unit) - 100,000,000 (Unit).....			

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—August 1952 and 1951

	Aug. 1952	Aug. 1951	% Change	July 1952
(Thousands of Dollars)				
Boston.....	2,116,653	2,216,410	- 4.4	2,375,017
Buffalo.....	4,347,000	4,367,000	- 0.5	4,703,000
Butte.....	431,960	446,167	- 3.8	405,372
Pittsburgh.....	1,336,331	1,547,692	- 13.7	1,448,138
Cleveland.....	1,625,524	1,758,386	- 7.5	1,828,586
Cincinnati.....	844,626	888,109	- 4.9	955,450
Baltimore.....	1,083,152	1,152,089	- 6.0	1,233,330
Richmond.....	662,194	667,465	- 0.8	690,077
Albany.....	1,273,000	1,281,000	- 0.7	1,345,000
New Orleans.....	590,144	590,769	- 0.7	649,280
Memphis.....	364,187	361,287	- 0.8	409,501
Chicago.....	3,396,784	3,605,297	- 6.4	3,729,402
Detroit.....	2,143,417	2,213,790	- 3.0	2,293,120
St. Louis.....	1,156,053	1,116,374	- 12.0	1,246,645
Louisville.....	594,743	624,733	- 4.6	624,435
Minneapolis.....	1,318,244	1,340,460	- 1.7	1,329,586
Kansas City.....	1,426,461	1,499,399	- 4.9	1,672,627
Houston.....	501,461	658,461	- 8.7	651,393
Denver.....	555,455	564,024	- 1.6	562,919
Dallas.....	1,339,784	1,320,116	- 1.5	1,431,992
San Francisco.....	1,237,432	1,251,221	- 3.0	1,249,093
San Antonio.....	2,280,355	2,280,355	- 0.0	2,188,439
Portland, Ore.....	735,181	667,979	- 5.3	695,550
Seattle.....	695,359	695,359	- 0.0	719,614
Total 24 Cities.....	31,879,135	33,543,060	- 5.0	34,611,536
New York.....	32,912,897	32,912,897	- 0.0	41,508,524
Total 25 Cities.....	64,812,032	66,455,957	- 2.9	76,120,460

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—8 Months 1952 and 1951

	8 Months 1952	8 Months 1951	% Change	8 Months 1952
(Thousands of Dollars)				
Boston.....	16,780,058	16,996,554	- 1.3	16,990,270
Buffalo.....	36,909,000	37,186,000	- 0.7	38,020,000
Butte.....	3,711,647	3,609,558	- 2.8	2,983,005
Pittsburgh.....	12,501,690	12,243,338	- 2.1	10,679,867
Cleveland.....	14,312,940	14,332,824	- 0.1	11,109,198
Cincinnati.....	7,352,429	7,416,477	- 0.9	6,311,514
Baltimore.....	9,298,344	9,086,773	- 2.3	7,842,190
Richmond.....	5,378,540	5,081,980	- 5.8	4,340,310
Albany.....	10,548,000	9,800,183	- 6.6	8,229,900
New Orleans.....	5,152,959	4,790,470	- 7.4	4,332,408
Memphis.....	3,511,328	3,481,420	- 0.9	3,103,703
Chicago.....	29,253,742	29,494,748	- 0.8	26,009,056
Detroit.....	18,082,327	17,767,182	- 1.8	18,070,737
St. Louis.....	10,287,239	10,796,175	- 4.7	9,534,402
Louisville.....	5,066,511	4,941,015	- 2.6	4,404,862
Minneapolis.....	10,170,248	10,238,121	- 0.7	8,692,456
Kansas City.....	12,613,546	11,892,327	- 6.1	10,651,577
Houston.....	5,115,245	5,115,245	- 0.0	4,298,114
Denver.....	4,586,959	4,519,005	- 1.5	3,751,969
Dallas.....	11,405,686	10,659,509	- 7.0	9,173,555
San Francisco.....	10,137,392	9,604,506	- 5.4	7,099,078
San Antonio.....	17,492,703	18,015,909	- 2.9	13,937,627
Portland, Ore.....	5,375,785	5,357,885	- 0.3	5,148,653
Seattle.....	5,441,494	5,421,539	- 0.4	4,286,728
Total 24 Cities.....	212,392,940	209,920,783	- 1.2	210,101,254
New York.....	305,114,412	286,698,520	- 6.4	256,974,845
Total 25 Cities.....	517,537,392	556,619,303	- 7.0	467,076,099

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1949 to Date

(Millions of Dollars)

	1949	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949
Total 25 United States Cities	1949	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	75,548	77,220	59,964	56,314	2,905.0	2,970.0	2,398.5	2,332.6	36,386	37,297	27,932	27,947
February.....	66,971	61,080	52,676	50,335	2,911.8	2,776.6	2,304.4	2,268.0	32,287	30,126	24,425	23,947
March.....	71,416	76,725	61,308	60,740	2,823.7	2,841.7	2,355.2	2,251.7	34,533	35,183	29,610	28,882
April.....	74,160	69,408	55,593	54,160	2,852.3	2,778.1	2,227.3	2,083.3	34,217	33,563	26,267	25,943
May.....	70,656	66,020	61,357	55,145	2,717.5	2,654.6	2,359.9	2,025.8	33,347	34,005	29,021	25,711
June.....	75,850	69,435	64,094	59,528	3,016.1	2,695.9	2,405.1	2,289.5	34,835	33,325	30,658	26,886
July.....	76,120	66,504	60,195	54,003	2,927.7	2,560.2	2,407.8	2,160.1	34,612	32,320	29,660	26,848
August.....	68,412	66,762	69,800	55,060	2,492.8	2,472.7	2,577.8	2,039.3	31,879	31,543	32,522	26,345
September.....	64,192	66,411	56,165	50,165	2,074.7	2,056.4	2,247.8	2,074.7	31,837	31,987	26,772	26,772
October.....	74,140	69,099	56,444	50,444	2,859.2	2,800.0	2,242.2	2,074.7	31,351	34,445	27,466	26,886
November.....	66,108	66,578	55,531	50,531	3,004.7	2,778.2	2,414.4	2,074.7	34,951	33,078	26,086	26,086
December.....	75,578	71,621	61,705	50,705	3,030.3	2,878.8	2,450.2	2,074.7	34,681	33,061	28,662	28,662
Total.....	840,518	761,985	678,632	607,632	2,785.7	2,524.2	2,335.4	2,074.7	408,743	362,676	319,990	319,990

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1949 to Date

(Thousands of Dollars)

	1949	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949
Total 25 United States Cities	1949	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	671	775	884	506	\$26,208	\$21,085	\$26,436	\$19,159	\$26,300	\$21,912	\$26,556	\$19,159
February.....	619	592	811	685	19,474	16,009	22,156	27,567	19,624	16,414	22,585	27,567
March.....	715	732	884	847	29,212	17,652	27,900	37,188	29,387	17,652	28,810	38,284
April.....	740	693	806	877	17,530	21,250	21,250	21,250	17,530	21,250	21,250	21,250
May.....	719	715	874	775	23,504	22,672	24,583	21,250	21,250	21,250	21,250	21,250
June.....	671	699	725	828	21,222	22,773	18,072	28,161	21,250	21,250	21,250	21,250
July.....	540	665	694	719	22,789	21,088	19,338	21,088	22,789	21,088	21,088	21,088
August.....	619	767	810	810	16,522	26,417	18,448	31,175	16,522	26,417	18,448	31,175
September.....	619	620	648	732	26,543	15,254	20,598	20,598	26,543	15,254	20,598	20,598
October.....	643	707	802	802	26,742	16,649	23,808	23,808	26,742	16,649	23,808	23,808
November.....	683	815	815	815	17,507	18,804	22,790	22,790	17,507	18,804	22,790	22,790
December.....	619	572	770	770	19,403	21,044	19,251	19,251	19,403	21,044	19,251	19,251
Total.....	8,058	9,162	9,246	9,246	\$259,547	\$248,243	\$308,109	.....	\$262,821	\$255,057	\$314,885	.....

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

Bureau of Labor Statistics

United States Department of Labor

Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices (Revised) 1947-49=100

Groups	Aug. 1952	July 1952	June 1952	Aug. 1951
ALL COMMODITIES.....	112.1	111.8	111.2	112.7
Farm Products.....	108.9	110.2	107.2	110.4
Processed Foods.....	110.5	110.0	108.3	111.2
All Commodities Other Than Farm Products and Foods.....	112.9	112.5	112.6	114.9
Textile Products and Apparel.....	96.2	96.9	96.0	106.5
Hides, Skins & Leather Products.....	96.5	96.2	95.9	118.0
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials.....	105.5	106.0	105.9	106.3
Chemicals and Allied Products.....	104.0	104.2	104.3	106.5
Metals and Metal Products.....	123.8	121.9	121.1	122.2
Machinery and Motive Products.....	121.4	121.4	121.3	118.9
Furniture, Other Household Durables.....	111.6	111.6	111.6	113.5
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural.....	113.8	113.8	113.8	113.0
Rubber & Products.....	126.3	130.0	133.4	144.3
Lumber and Wood Products.....	120.3	120.2	119.9	122.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products.....	115.6	115.3	116.7	119.5
Tobacco Mfrs. & Bottle Beverages.....	110.8	110.8	110.8	107.8
Miscellaneous.....	108.9	105.5	108.1	102.6

United States Consumers' Price Index (Cost of Living)

Bureau of Labor Statistics

United States Department of Labor

Consumers' Price Index 1935-39=100

Groups	July 1952	June 1952	May 1952	July 1951
ALL ITEMS.....	190.8	189.6	189.0	185.5
Apparel.....	201.4	202.0	200.3	201.3
Food.....	234.9	231.5	230.8	227.7
Cereal and Bakery Products.....	194.4	191.3	191.8	189.0
Dairy Products.....	212.3	209.8	210.0	205.1
Fruits and Vegetables.....	253.2	250.0	253.8	218.5
Meats, Poultry and Fish.....	276.4	270.6	266.0	273.2
Fuel, & Electricity & Refrigeration.....	140.4	144.8	144.0	144.0
Gas & Electricity.....	98.3	98.4	98.7	97.2
Other Fuels.....	205.4	203.4	203.1	203.7
Household Furnishings.....	204.2	204.4	205.4	212.4
Rent.....	141.9	141.6	141.3	136.2
Miscellaneous.....	173.0	172.5	171.4	165.0

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index-1950 to Date

1952		1951		1950	
Jan. 1.....	56.04	Jan. 2.....	56.93	Jan. 3.....	55.73
Jan. 2.....	56.01	Jan. 3.....	56.93	Jan. 4.....	55.79
Jan. 15.....	5.57	Jan. 16.....	1.04	Jan. 17.....	5.75
Jan. 22.....	0.60	Jan. 23.....	7.08	Jan. 24.....	5.70
Jan. 29.....	0.61	Jan. 30.....	1.17	Jan. 31.....	5.80
Feb. 5.....	0.60	Feb. 6.....	7.45	Feb. 7.....	5.80
Feb. 12.....	0.57	Feb. 13.....	7.25	Feb. 14.....	5.80
Feb. 19.....	0.57	Feb. 20.....	7.34	Feb. 21.....	5.81
Feb. 26.....	0.56	Feb. 27.....	7.35	Feb. 28.....	5.80
Mar. 4.....	0.56	Mar. 5.....	7.27	Mar. 7.....	5.85
Mar. 11.....	0.58	Mar. 12.....	7.27	Mar. 14.....	5.81
Mar. 18.....	0.57	Mar. 19.....	7.23	Mar. 21.....	5.79
Mar. 25.....	0.48	Mar. 27.....	7.21	Mar. 28.....	5.76
Apr. 1.....	0.40	Apr. 3.....	7.15	Apr. 4.....	5.74
Apr. 8.....	0.40	Apr. 9.....	7.15	Apr. 11.....	5.74
Apr. 15.....	0.37	Apr. 17.....	7.13	Apr. 18.....	5.73
Apr. 22.....	0.31	Apr. 24.....	7.16	Apr. 25.....	5.83
Apr. 29.....	0.31	Apr. 30.....	7.19	May 7.....	5.89
May 6.....	0.36	May 8.....	7.18	May 9.....	5.89
May 13.....	0.38	May 15.....	7.19	May 16.....	5.89
May 20.....	0.48	May 22.....	7.17	May 23.....	5.90
May 27.....	0.48	May 29.....	7.16	May 30.....	5.90
June 3.....	0.43	June 5.....	7.08	June 6.....	5.90
June 10.....	0.45	June 12.....	7.07	June 13.....	5.94
June 17.....	0.45	June 19.....	7.07	June 26.....	5.90
June 24.....	0.39	June 26.....	7.02	June 27.....	5.90
July 1.....	0.45	July 3.....	7.00	July 4.....	0.19
July 8.....	0.51	July 10.....	7.19	July 11.....	0.19
July 15.....	0.61	July 17.....	0.88	July 18.....	0.41
July 22.....	0.59	July 24.....	0.90	July 25.....	0.49
July 29.....	0.63	July 31.....	0.91	Aug. 1.....	0.53
Aug. 5.....	0.65	Aug. 7.....	0.91	Aug. 11.....	0.53
Aug. 12.....	0.66	Aug. 14.....	0.94	Aug. 15.....	0.53
Aug. 19.....	0.69	Aug. 21.....	0.93	Aug. 22.....	0.56
Aug. 26.....	0.70	Aug. 28.....	0.93	Aug. 29.....	0.68
Sept. 2.....	0.70	Sept. 4.....	0.82	Sept. 5.....	0.65
Sept. 9.....	0.60	Sept. 11.....	0.79	Sept. 12.....	0.68
Sept. 16.....	0.60	Sept. 18.....	0.79	Sept. 19.....	0.68
Sept. 23.....	0.45	Sept. 25.....	0.78	Sept. 26.....	0.61
Sept. 30.....	0.45	Oct. 2.....	0.70	Oct. 3.....	0.50
Oct. 7.....	0.45	Oct. 9.....	0.67	Oct. 10.....	0.50
Oct. 14.....	0.45	Oct. 16.....	0.77	Oct. 17.....	0.48
Oct. 21.....	0.45	Oct. 23.....	0.69	Oct. 24.....	0.50
Oct. 28.....	0.45	Oct. 30.....	0.65	Oct. 31.....	0.52
Nov. 4.....	0.45	Nov. 6.....	0.65	Nov. 7.....	0.52
Nov. 11.....	0.45	Nov. 13.....	0.67	Nov. 14.....	0.58
Nov. 18.....	0.45	Nov. 20.....	0.68	Nov. 21.....	0.61
Nov. 25.....	0.45	Nov. 27.....	0.68	Nov. 28.....	0.61
Dec. 2.....	0.45	Dec. 4.....	0.68	Dec. 5.....	0.73
Dec. 9.....	0.45	Dec. 11.....	0.69	Dec. 12.....	0.77
Dec. 16.....	0.45	Dec. 18.....	0.69	Dec. 19.....	0.77
Dec. 23.....	0.45	Dec. 25.....	0.64	Dec. 26.....	0.77
Dec. 30.....	0.45				
Av. 1952.....	0.57	Av. 1951.....	0.67	Av. 1950.....	0.61

August 1952 and 1951

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	August 1952	August 1951	July 1952		August 1952	August 1951	July 1952
New England:				South Atlantic:			
Connecticut, Conn.....	\$4,86,468	\$6,449,452	\$5,652,460	Alabama, Ala.....	\$304,072	\$164,565	\$180,007
Delaware, Del.....	749,550	414,174	506,865	Arkansas, Ark.....	3,427,417	1,681,807	\$1,501,587
Florida, Fla.....	477,718	155,874	592,136	California, Cal.....	406,208	822,058	577,036
Georgia, Ga.....	297,098	203,279	726,980	Colorado, Colo.....	2,770,150	10,138,518	4,972,800
Idaho, Idaho.....	14,402	79,465	559,120	Connecticut, Conn.....	187,000	2,074,804	1,972,800
Illinois, Ill.....	83,055	194,130	216,925	Delaware, Del.....	1,319,556	1,067,405	1,470,153
Indiana, Ind.....	72,400	116,515	154,512	District of Columbia, D.C.	714,826	1,255,732	566,152
Iowa, Ia.....	121,985	154,085	406,100	Florida, Fla.....	406,100	709,000	719,150
Kansas, Kan.....	270,105	1,649,430	244,485	Georgia, Ga.....	812,609	1,444,100	1,150,150
Kentucky, Ky.....	480,884	1,591,317	1,160,261	Idaho, Idaho.....	1,201,705	1,667,145	\$1,255,127
Louisiana, La.....	188,173	1,591,317	1,160,261	Illinois, Ill.....	1,319,556	2,074,804	1,972,800
Maine, Me.....	121,160	51,560	68,800	Indiana, Ind.....	219,128	288,097	231,200
Maryland, Md.....	55,250	1,130,450	265,730	Iowa, Ia.....	3,106,088	2,192,138	\$1,312,414
Massachusetts, Mass.....	1,182,925	1,698,695	1,698,695	Kansas, Kan.....	3,070,000	4,972,800	4,972,800
Michigan, Mich.....	11,440	253,500	143,370	Kentucky, Ky.....	902,005	694,025	745,131
Minnesota, Minn.....	77,140	108,770	162,075	Kentucky, Ky.....	1,748,716	731,024	1,886,907
Mississippi, Miss.....	422,192	3,309,004	1,131,001	Kentucky, Ky.....	512,001	950,000	950,000
Missouri, Mo.....	1,108,508	1,591,317	1,160,261	Louisiana, La.....	174,130	307,490	518,440
Montana, Mont.....	1,65,527	1,67,887	307,305	Maine, Me.....	518,209	606,452	988,000
Nebraska, Neb.....	1,715,100	1,204,124	1,204,124	Maryland, Md.....	5,609,000	5,609,000	5,609,000
Nevada, Nev.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	710,490	Massachusetts, Mass.....	2,450,204	4,552,411	1,325,327
New Hampshire, N.H.....	506,047	6,228,010	977,360	Michigan, Mich.....	414,500	215,096	251,825
New Jersey, N.J.....	731,400	424,770	468,431	Minnesota, Minn.....	1,070,000	1,070,000	1,070,000
New Mexico, N.M.....	701,000	2,450,204	518,440	Mississippi, Miss.....	1,182,925	1,698,695	1,698,695
New York, N.Y.....	1,199,300	1,408,590	1,819,050	Missouri, Mo.....	27,010	41,300	116,515
North Carolina, N.C.....	277,156	910,122	265,735	Montana, Mont.....	620,719	608,268	1,204,124
North Dakota, N.D.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	Nebraska, Neb.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Ohio, Ohio.....	29,010	41,300	116,515	Nevada, Nev.....	401,000	518,440	518,440
Oklahoma, Okla.....	620,719	608,268	1,204,124	New Hampshire, N.H.....	506,047	6,228,010	977,360
Oregon, Ore.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	New Jersey, N.J.....	731,400	424,770	468,431
Pennsylvania, Pa.....	401,000	518,440	518,440	New Mexico, N.M.....	701,000	2,450,204	518,440
Rhode Island, R.I.....	518,440	518,440	518,440	New York, N.Y.....	1,199,300	1,408,590	1,819,050
South Carolina, S.C.....	414,500	215,096	251,825	North Carolina, N.C.....	277,156	910,122	265,735
South Dakota, S.D.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	North Dakota, N.D.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Tennessee, Tenn.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	Oklahoma, Okla.....	620,719	608,268	1,204,124
Texas, Tex.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	Oregon, Ore.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Utah, Utah.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	Pennsylvania, Pa.....	401,000	518,440	518,440
Vermont, Vt.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	Rhode Island, R.I.....	518,440	518,440	518,440
Virginia, Va.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	South Carolina, S.C.....	414,500	215,096	251,825
Washington, D.C.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	South Dakota, S.D.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
West Virginia, W.Va.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	Tennessee, Tenn.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Wisconsin, Wis.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	Texas, Tex.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Wyoming, Wyo.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124	Utah, Utah.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Total New England.....	\$10,708,500	\$41,387,418	\$20,550,484	Vermont, Vt.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
				Virginia, Va.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Midwest:				Washington, D.C.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Illinois, Ill.....	\$5,005,650	\$11,080,421	\$2,141,500	West Virginia, W.Va.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Indiana, Ind.....	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,100,000	Wisconsin, Wis.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Iowa, Ia.....	6,800,000	17,500,000	3,707,200	Wyoming, Wyo.....	1,024,124	1,024,124	1,024,124
Kansas, Kan.....	268,000	651,430	501,875	Total Midwest.....	\$10,708,500	\$41,387,418	\$20,550,484
Michigan, Mich.....	95,707,241	15,922,000	14,000,000				
Minnesota, Minn.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000				
Mississippi, Miss.....	1,774,713	28,153,704	16,505,807				
Montana, Mont.....	1,501,714	814,800	1,083,804				
Nebraska, Neb.....	919,760	79,778	1,000,000				
North Dakota, N.D.....	143,713	227,231	1,000,000				
Total New Midwest.....	\$66,911,714	\$16,505,734	\$44,945,049				
(S) New York:							
Albany, N.Y.....	\$574,945	\$480,575	\$131,229				
Albany, N.Y.....	926,855	604,555	481,600				
Albany, N.Y.....	151,429	755,609	1,312,925				
Albany, N.Y.....	9,000,000	3,300,000	3,300,000				
Albany, N.Y.....	250,180	250,180	90,405				
Albany, N.Y.....	433,920	90,405	90,405				
Albany, N.Y.....	743,599	743,599	743,599				
Albany, N.Y.....	447,585	907,566	907,566				
Albany, N.Y.....	305,719	275,005	275,005				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,214,580	1,214,580	1,214,580				
Albany, N.Y.....	44,160	80,980	80,980				
Albany, N.Y.....	2,274,295	3,325,251	3,325,251				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,18,295	100,840	100,840				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,553,000	1,553,000	1,553,000				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,84,786	2,000,000	2,000,000				
Albany, N.Y.....	129,115	113,413	113,413				
Albany, N.Y.....	876,425	55,835	55,835				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,819,180	888,188	888,188				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,113,041	901,431	901,431				
Albany, N.Y.....	842,501	901,431	901,431				
Albany, N.Y.....	9,290,740	9,290,740	9,290,740				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,198,520	1,641,083	1,641,083				
Albany, N.Y.....	60,090	180,700	180,700				
Albany, N.Y.....	9,915,915	9,915,915	9,915,915				
Albany, N.Y.....	2,221,947	1,204,143	1,204,143				
Albany, N.Y.....	490,689	206,479	206,479				
Albany, N.Y.....	3,114,527	3,114,527	3,114,527				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,106,125	1,028,000	1,028,000				
Albany, N.Y.....	2,504,146	96,807	96,807				
Albany, N.Y.....	251,700	979,000	979,000				
Albany, N.Y.....	48,906	484,911	484,911				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,860,130	305,968	305,968				
Albany, N.Y.....	108,287	127,918	127,918				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,842,483	1,842,483	1,842,483				
Albany, N.Y.....	806,109	3,814,717	3,814,717				
Albany, N.Y.....	1,086,051	675,020	675,020				
Albany, N.Y.....	146,420	275,825	275,825				
Total New York.....	\$49,101,711	\$111,041,528	\$75,131,214				

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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES—Continued

August 1952 and 1951

So. Cents (Cont.)	August 1952	August 1951	July 1952	August 1952	August 1951	July 1952
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$660,000	\$605,830	\$689,315	Boise, Idaho.....	\$139,298	\$104,220
Muskegon, Mich.....	87,750	170,940	50,490	Butte, Mont.....	12,980	19,575
Nashville, Tenn.....	37,478	327,409	441,406	Colorado Springs, Col.	58,980	17,004
New Orleans, La.....	2,014,340	7,042,059	10,115,212	Denver, Colo.....	7,371,874	3,685,706
Oklahoma City, Okla...	2,087,204	1,898,232	1,780,040	Des Moines, Iowa...	376,775	306,725
Port Arthur, Texas...	400,600	1,107,767	3,471,550	Idaho Falls, Idaho...	506,000	2,006,800
San Antonio, Texas...	435,540	508,218	457,747	Phoenix, Ariz.....	1,009,580	1,320,095
San Antonio, Texas...	3,131,040	7,110,641	2,534,105	Pueblo, Colo.....	1,381,585	642,073
Shreveport, La.....	1,024,314	1,040,983	1,919,607	Salt Lake City, Utah...	1,239,785	1,400,007
Tulsa, Okla.....	745,805	1,020,200	1,435,450	Tucson, Ariz.....	642,407	702,179
Waco, Texas.....	537,048	2,329,241	1,835,209	Total Mountain.....	\$13,489,270	\$11,573,904
Wichita Falls, Texas...	924,380	370,332	1,819,627			
Total So. Central...	\$52,961,261	\$62,506,795	\$77,592,108			
West Central				Pacific		
Cedar Rapids, Iowa...	\$456,965	\$690,599	\$438,174	Bakersfield, Cal....	\$166,088	\$318,285
Des Moines, Iowa...	779,045	642,716	907,033	Berkeley, Cal....	427,654	581,624
Des Moines, Iowa...	1,011,121	1,658,894	2,093,157	Beverly Hills, Cal...	549,241	425,830
Dubuque, Iowa.....	1,019,558	285,090	370,880	Brussels, Cal....	1,799,566	1,034,810
Duluth, Minn.....	140,888	771,299	641,145	Glendale, Cal....	1,316,223	1,081,410
Fargo, N. D.....	329,810	332,320	363,320	Long Beach, Cal....	5,183,220	3,448,635
Kansas City, Mo.....	158,677	302,590	1,657,010	Los Angeles, Cal....	29,275,516	18,537,995
Kansas City, Mo.....	6,191,000	2,186,060	3,472,000	Oakland, Cal....	1,788,085	2,128,443
Lincoln, Neb.....	2,853,000	1,115,020	672,325	Pasadena, Cal....	989,682	1,200,497
Minneapolis, Minn...	2,813,700	3,147,110	3,546,140	Sacramento, Cal....	4,180,005	3,267,380
Omaha, Neb.....	1,111,465	1,111,465	1,111,465	San Diego, Cal....	1,305,909	1,221,018
St. Joseph, Mo.....	97,650	41,375	103,275	San Francisco, Cal...	2,949,197	2,424,869
St. Louis, Mo.....	3,659,044	3,654,289	31,875,132	Seattle, Wash.....	1,034,108	1,034,108
St. Paul, Minn.....	4,430,905	2,519,324	4,000,488	Spokane, Wash.....	1,300,027	1,102,474
St. Paul, Minn.....	470,575	775,410	401,011	Tacoma, Wash.....	803,166	1,440,241
St. Paul, Minn.....	183,705	664,665	495,170	Total Pacific.....	\$56,923,416	\$53,556,281
St. Paul, Minn.....	380,305	2,784,950	911,305	Total 215 Cities...	\$394,624,082	\$437,666,400
St. Paul, Minn.....	2,194,621	2,102,887	2,784,672			
Total West Central...	\$14,059,337	\$25,745,212	\$51,000,349			

Building Permit Values for 215 Cities—Monthly—1950 to Date

Total United States - 215 Cities			New York City			Outside New York City - 214 Cities		
1950	1951	1952	1950	1951	1952	1950	1951	1952
Jan.....	\$259,299,065	\$446,881,401	\$374,999,161	\$24,712,989	\$51,032,885	\$41,873,234	\$234,580,076	\$395,848,516
Feb.....	315,320,903	327,241,738	343,121,378	33,705,418	24,348,571	67,454,496	281,585,485	302,891,167
Mar.....	350,270,591	411,630,560	448,893,654	31,535,059	49,584,940	46,240,730	318,735,332	382,045,600
Apr.....	415,400,459	472,919,130	504,978,056	33,123,123	27,371,734	57,703,455	362,343,136	345,151,356
May.....	408,033,113	416,074,181	506,904,044	32,462,322	62,762,250	86,704,704	346,446,791	371,111,922
June.....	386,268,442	385,041,042	508,027,104	35,406,878	51,458,270	102,562,255	346,801,564	331,582,772
July.....	415,160,921	415,160,921	505,997,973	35,406,878	45,255,151	31,123,541	346,215,672	370,014,127
Aug.....	394,624,682	437,666,400	505,997,973	69,916,114	76,205,151	37,858,882	346,161,249	343,135,091
Sept.....	412,814,648	406,266,993	505,997,973	25,034,632	30,671,613	.....	387,000,000	377,593,380
Oct.....	301,448,821	502,255,660	.....	53,886,760	70,902,243	.....	311,359,061	449,153,617
Nov.....	285,265,014	408,668,046	.....	30,219,450	17,150,881	.....	235,145,558	271,101,167
Dec.....	266,210,510	426,607,027	.....	38,829,373	38,150,313	.....	227,380,937	386,456,714
Total.....	\$4,584,466,337	\$5,549,694,106	.....	\$550,572,036	\$630,015,407	.....	\$4,027,964,301	\$4,895,678,699

Building Permit Values and Index for 120 Cities—1939 to Date

(Index is 3-months moving average, based on average of 1920-1930 = 100; Adjusted for seasonal variation.)
(Value figures in thousands of dollars.)

	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946			
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index			
January.....	198,145	133.4	366,023	201.2	209,459	166.5	188,300	126.3		
February.....	242,915	132.4	261,140	183.4	282,201	167.7	194,905	117.5		
March.....	273,930	130.7	350,142	140.9	356,918	154.8	255,322	113.0		
April.....	321,822	121.9	289,807	134.4	355,064	159.8	283,047	107.7		
May.....	319,919	126.2	349,188	127.5	464,053	174.5	257,321	116.4		
June.....	310,627	124.7	299,211	141.6	401,954	193.3	317,107	117.0		
July.....	356,378	146.2	333,019	147.6	418,324	195.0	240,714	124.1		
August.....	311,909	.....	354,228	160.1	433,953	186.4	278,762	133.2	
September.....	.....	.....	317,470	157.6	322,471	191.5	311,411	147.3
October.....	.....	.....	285,265	140.0	420,917	188.8	309,573	150.8
November.....	.....	.....	237,169	132.8	338,273	199.9	245,112	145.9
December.....	.....	.....	201,230	127.0	349,244	210.1	249,300	153.4
Total.....	.....	.....	3,654,367	.....	4,405,831	.....	3,131,076	.....	
							3,111,251	2,469,873	2,086,918
	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939			
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index			
January.....	37,080	28.3	27,611	20.3	24,252	16.2	52,376	40.7		
February.....	55,258	28.1	34,602	22.6	20,908	13.4	69,697	37.7		
March.....	55,876	28.1	67,046	21.3	26,434	13.2	81,622	36.1		
April.....	50,890	26.9	56,371	19.4	36,017	14.5	91,747	32.1		
May.....	61,624	24.7	38,833	16.7	41,256	15.2	62,320	27.4		
June.....	68,889	29.2	47,947	21.9	31,404	16.0	49,197	28.5		
July.....	71,846	34.5	63,090	33.7	37,738	16.6	45,221	30.4		
August.....	90,156	42.0	111,641	37.8	41,221	18.6	42,528	21.9		
September.....	100,080	52.0	63,074	41.9	37,318	19.0	49,277	20.8		
October.....	126,912	63.4	90,185	43.1	41,658	21.0	35,472	19.7		
November.....	134,090	78.3	87,562	39.1	47,852	21.7	28,322	17.6		
December.....	165,318	97.5	33,973	31.2	32,193	20.8	33,641	17.2		
Total.....	1,028,028	.....	708,505	.....	418,961	.....	643,620	.....	
							1,190,043	1,104,460	1,028,812

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES
TABULATED BY DUN & BRADSTREET, INC.

	1951				1952				1952							
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	4th Quar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	1st Quar.	Apr.	May	June	2nd Quar.	July	Aug.	Sept.	3rd Quar.
Alabama.....	37	44	30	111	46	44	61	151	55	51	41	147	50			
Arizona.....	72	70	67	209	69	66	59	124	59	28	25	72	212	55		
Arkansas.....	49	52	40	140	50	50	50	124	59	28	25	72	212	55		
California.....	54	50	60	1,020	634	640	711	1,082	778	710	711	2,190	650	650		
Colorado.....	114	115	124	353	145	150	120	394	137	135	125	397	139	139		
Connecticut.....	220	211	187	627	270	216	218	704	268	243	227	738	216	216		
Delaware.....	358	278	339	645	297	262	339	928	347	363	340	1,050	325	325		
Florida.....	65	63	67	225	135	86	99	320	75	90	80	245	101	101		
Georgia.....	15	10	24	49	27	30	34	104	40	36	33	89	20	20		
Illinois.....	35	313	419	1,078	370	347	347	1,047	406	360	337	1,131	343	343		
Indiana.....	34	34	10	113	37	31	35	103	57	38	32	127	37	37		
Iowa.....	34	34	64	147	49	51	46	146	65	63	46	174	50	50		
Kansas.....	47	36	64	147	49	51	46	146	65	63	46	174	50	50		
Kentucky.....	52	37	51	140	56	70	45	171	62	51	50	163	55	55		
Louisiana.....	56	53	56	165	79	69	69	217	81	88	69	238	69	69		
Maine.....	29	31	43	103	30	26	30	86	35	23	32	90	32	32		
Maryland.....	135	122	109	366	149	142	225	516	157	118	181	456	152	152		
Massachusetts.....	208	208	355	771	248	207	197	652	276	252	244	722	225	225		
Michigan.....	163	174	140	488	277	272	272	814	273	263	263	814	273	273		
Minnesota.....	23	23	28	74	37	37	39	113	43	41	36	120	37	37		
Mississippi.....	146	91	140	294	127	132	132	415	169	114	123	406	116	116		
Missouri.....	14	89	116	351	132	145	138	415	169	114	123	406	116	116		
Montana.....	16	8	24	48	26	8	10	44	28	32	18	78	21	21		
Nebraska.....	14	21	29	64	33	23	39	95	23	193	28	84	31	31		
Nevada.....	48	41	36	125	38	43	72	153	50	53	58	161	65	65		
New Hampshire.....	25	19	26	70	27	19	22	68	26	21	32	79	18	18		
New Jersey.....	514	403	358	1,335	599	476	547	1,622	529	533	516	1,586	515	515		
New Mexico.....	1,654	1,564	1,467	4,715	2,283	1,680	1,853	5,825	1,985	1,940	1,900	5,895	1,739	1,739		
New York.....	1,654	1,564	1,467	4,715	2,283	1,680	1,853	5,825	1,985	1,940	1,900	5,895	1,739	1,739		
North Carolina.....	80	87	102	269	125	98	86	309	133	107	102	332	80	80		
North Dakota.....	8	10	15	33	12	16	11	39	9	16	19	44	12	12		
Ohio.....	405	331	336	1,072	461	409	547	1,417	452	422	601	1,475	422	422		
Oklahoma.....	59	68	66	193	85	89	81	255	99	94	67	260	105	105		
Oregon.....	58	50	84	192	70	56	55	181	74	70	65	209	82	82		
Pennsylvania.....	230	196	257	693	310	222	289	821	271	308	268	847	342	342		
Rhode Island.....	48	44	38	130	55	36	46	157	40	39	39	107	48	48		
South Carolina.....	14	10	14	38	11	8	7	26	9	16	18	43	14	14		
South Dakota.....	65	47	78	190	89	90	78	257	97	64	83	244	78	78		
Tennessee.....	222	247	262	731	274	325	373	972	319	340	296	955	308	308		
Texas.....	23	24	18	65	30	34	25	89	30	28	32	90	39	39		
Utah.....	14	14	14	42	13	14	10	31	23	14	11	48	13	13		
Vermont.....	76	64	98	258	128	114	128	370	112	97	125	334	85	85		
Virginia.....	48	44	38	130	55	36	46	157	40	39	39	107	48	48		
Washington.....	48	44	38	130	55	36	46	157	40	39	39	107	48	48		
West Virginia.....	97	73	124	294	103	100	96	290	120	111	117	350	86	86		
Wisconsin.....	10	7	15	32	10	12	15	37	21	8	12	41	27	27		
Wyoming.....	6,812	6,289	6,913	20,014	8,357	7,138	7,902	23,307	8,284	7,915	7,819	24,018	7,549	7,549		
Total 48 States..																

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January	804	225	28.1	110	12.7	403	46.6	65	7.5	61	7.1
February	811	170	21.0	100	12.3	399	49.2	73	9.0	69	8.5
March	884	206	23.3	116	13.1	462	45.5	86	9.7	74	8.4
April	806	195	24.2	93	11.5	398	49.4	76	9.4	44	5.5
May	874	197	22.5	109	12.5	426	48.7	80	9.2	62	7.1
June	725	167	23.1	67	9.2	363	50.1	61	8.4	67	9.2
July	694	151	21.8	73	10.5	343	49.4	65	9.4	62	8.9
August	787	173	22.0	70	8.9	402	51.1	91	11.5	51	6.5
September	648	147	22.7	69	10.6	314	48.5	75	11.6	43	6.6
October	707	150	21.2	63	8.9	339	47.9	91	12.9	64	9.1
November	683	150	22.0	69	10.1	310	45.4	87	12.7	67	9.8
December	619	143	23.1	77	11.3	330	48.6	62	9.1	67	9.9
Total Year	9,162	2,074	22.6	1,016	11.1	4,429	48.3	912	10.0	731	8.0
1951											
January	775	192	24.8	73	9.4	410	52.9	97	12.5	63	8.2
February	599	107	17.9	69	11.5	304	50.8	60	10.0	59	9.8
March	732	115	15.7	88	12.0	277	51.5	83	11.4	69	9.4
April	693	119	17.2	76	11.0	365	52.6	81	11.7	52	7.5
May	755	128	17.0	84	11.1	385	51.0	94	12.4	64	8.5
June	699	129	18.4	66	9.4	390	55.8	71	10.2	43	6.2
July	665	130	19.6	66	9.9	340	51.1	74	11.1	55	8.3
August	678	136	20.1	64	9.4	333	49.1	80	11.9	50	7.4
September	620	150	24.2	70	11.3	277	44.7	84	13.5	59	9.5
October	643	150	23.3	47	7.3	304	47.3	85	13.2	57	8.9
November	587	106	18.0	58	9.9	307	52.3	68	11.6	48	8.2
December	612	131	21.4	66	10.8	295	48.4	71	11.6	48	7.8
Total Year	8,058	1,533	19.0	827	10.3	4,088	50.7	957	11.9	653	8.1
1952											
January	671	143	21.3	62	9.2	348	51.9	68	10.1	50	7.5
February	619	133	21.5	60	9.7	304	49.1	70	11.3	52	8.4
March	715	148	20.7	96	13.4	371	51.9	72	10.1	55	7.7
April	780	171	21.9	83	10.7	375	48.1	93	11.9	58	7.4
May	638	111	17.4	59	9.2	333	52.2	75	11.8	60	9.4
June	671	128	19.1	59	8.8	340	50.7	78	11.6	52	7.7
July	580	133	22.9	59	10.2	299	51.5	48	8.3	41	7.1
August	594	109	18.3	60	10.1	316	53.2	58	9.8	51	8.6
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
October	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
November	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January	804	180	22.4	449	55.8	194	24.2	39	4.5	2	0.2
February	811	181	22.3	404	49.8	186	22.9	40	5.0	..	..
March	884	166	18.8	458	51.8	208	23.5	52	5.9	..	..
April	806	172	21.3	416	51.6	169	21.0	49	6.1	..	..
May	874	197	22.5	450	51.5	186	21.3	41	4.7	..	..
June	725	169	23.3	373	51.5	151	20.8	72	10.1	1	0.1
July	694	140	20.2	363	52.3	159	22.9	32	4.6	..	..
August	787	177	22.5	427	54.3	161	20.4	21	2.7	1	0.1
September	648	175	27.0	316	48.8	135	20.8	22	3.4	..	..
October	707	175	24.8	355	50.2	156	22.1	20	2.8	1	0.1
November	683	186	27.2	342	50.1	122	17.9	31	4.5	2	0.3
December	619	147	23.6	353	57.0	148	23.8	29	4.7	2	0.3
Total Year	9,162	2,065	22.5	4,706	51.4	1,975	21.6	407	4.4	9	0.1
1951											
January	775	190	24.5	404	52.1	143	18.5	38	4.9	..	..
February	599	145	24.2	302	50.4	121	20.2	30	5.0	..	..
March	732	170	23.2	401	54.8	137	18.7	23	3.2	1	0.1
April	693	175	25.3	348	50.2	145	20.9	24	3.5	1	0.1
May	755	159	21.1	408	54.0	143	19.2	42	5.6	..	..
June	699	164	23.5	359	51.3	134	19.2	41	5.9	1	0.1
July	665	150	22.6	347	52.2	124	20.1	32	4.8	2	0.3
August	678	141	20.8	362	53.4	154	22.5	56	8.3	..	..
September	620	150	24.2	315	50.8	112	18.1	39	6.3	4	0.6
October	643	136	21.2	319	49.6	145	22.5	39	6.1	4	0.6
November	587	129	22.0	306	52.1	120	20.6	51	8.7	2	0.3
December	612	123	20.1	306	50.0	146	23.9	36	5.9	1	0.1
Total Year	8,058	1,832	22.7	4,160	51.6	1,634	20.3	412	5.1	20	0.3
1952											
January	671	119	17.7	343	51.1	154	23.0	52	7.8	3	0.4
February	619	117	18.9	328	53.0	138	22.3	34	5.5	2	0.3
March	715	129	18.1	367	51.3	169	23.6	48	6.7	2	0.3
April	780	150	19.2	379	48.6	190	24.4	64	8.2	4	0.5
May	638	130	20.4	337	52.8	140	21.9	29	4.6	2	0.3
June	671	127	18.9	344	51.3	157	23.4	42	6.3	1	0.1
July	580	96	16.6	305	52.6	126	21.7	51	8.8	2	0.3
August	594	130	21.9	292	49.1	140	23.6	32	5.4
September
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Total Year

Failures by Divisions of Industry—August 1952

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	Aug. 1952	8 Months 1952	1951	Aug. 1952	8 Months 1952	1951
Mining & Manufacturing						
Mining—Coal, Oil, Metals.....	5	31	255	2,138	2,942	2,942
Food & Kindred Products.....	11	122	146	933	9,505	9,998
Textile Mills Products & Applcs.....	24	258	239	1,511	15,115	9,169
Lumber & Products.....	23	152	144	8,398	8,001	8,001
Paper, Printing & Publishing.....	10	77	34	465	1,712	2,889
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	1	31	10	2	2,293	1,047
Leather & Products.....	7	60	47	302	2,990	1,911
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	2	29	24	16	1,004	533
Iron, Steel & Products.....	5	33	24	140	2,133	809
Machinery.....	4	82	73	150	13,074	8,161
Transportation Equipment.....	3	32	11	101	1,516	605
Miscellaneous.....	13	164	174	501	5,074	6,284
Total Mining & Mfg.....	109	1,076	996	5,056	70,784	51,170
Wholesale Trade						
Food & Farm Products.....	30	155	169	1,435	8,932	8,057
Apparel.....	6	37	28	160	1,144	870
Dry Goods.....	1	24	17	5	738	337
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hdw.....	5	41	45	362	2,578	1,891
Chemicals & Drugs.....	1	14	24	3	864	567
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equip.....	1	16	22	31	593	1,012
Miscellaneous.....	16	225	261	410	9,143	13,600
Total Wholesale Trade.....	60	551	586	2,360	23,682	27,144
Retail Trade						
Food & Liquors.....	71	640	755	700	9,295	9,782
General Merchandise.....	8	90	107	127	2,592	2,879
Apparel & Accessories.....	42	420	416	320	7,600	6,007
Furniture, Home Furnishings.....	25	299	293	1,014	1,108	9,734
Lumber, Bldg. Mtls., Hdw.....	15	160	167	149	2,295	2,284
Automotive (Other Than Equip.).....	23	207	200	364	4,283	3,392
Liquor & Drinking Places.....	66	578	602	1,204	11,066	12,055
Drug Stores.....	19	81	67	290	1,181	1,150
Miscellaneous.....	36	242	271	265	5,128	3,263
Total Retail Trade.....	316	2,686	2,904	5,255	51,241	51,857
Construction						
General Bldg., Contract Pkgs.....	20	211	235	724	11,091	10,913
Building Subcontractors.....	35	329	392	1,081	9,550	9,412
Other Contractors.....	1	27	22	11	572	516
Total Construction.....	56	567	649	1,816	21,213	20,841
Commercial Services						
Pass & Freight Transportation.....	15	122	136	1,199	11,276	5,067
Water, Public.....	4	26	20	114	981	906
Hotels.....	1	19	12	65	902	479
Cleaning, Drycleaning, etc.....	5	61	67	65	954	979
Laundries.....	5	25	23	83	410	1,016
Undertakers.....	1	9	5	8	259	100
Other Personal Services.....	7	36	39	54	767	499
Business & Express Services.....	13	119	133	252	2,166	2,312
Total Commercial Services.....	51	419	461	1,809	18,670	10,944
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	594	5,208	5,598	16,322	185,970	166,192

Failures in Large Cities—August 1952

City (1940 Population Rankings)	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	Aug. 1952	8 Months 1952	1951	Aug. 1952	8 Months 1952	1951
New York, N.Y.....	154	1,332	1,748	9,953	47,164	39,008
Chicago, Ill.....	10	215	210	907	8,031	4,829
Philadelphia, Pa.....	9	82	111	68	1,910	2,356
Detroit, Mich.....	9	26	83	118	2,136	2,745
Los Angeles, Calif.....	44	267	241	850	5,930	6,602
San Francisco, Calif.....	4	46	50	109	2,069	2,050
San Antonio, Tex.....	6	23	31	83	1,444	1,543
St. Louis, Mo.....	1	23	21	65	1,455	159
San Diego, Calif.....	7	92	81	110	2,059	2,762
San Jose, Calif.....	6	25	29	90	1,387	556
Washington, D.C.....	1	15	21	11	426	7
San Francisco, Calif.....	1	15	21	294	5,425	2,108
San Antonio, Tex.....	1	14	12	25	207	1,195
Buffalo, N.Y.....	1	12	13	175	830	824
New Orleans, La.....	1	12	19	17	100	100
Minneapolis, Minn.....	1	14	12	9	455	616
Charlottesville, Va.....	1	16	11	30	501	244
Seattle, Wash.....	6	13	29	332	1,168	1,765
Kansas City, Mo.....	2	12	18	32	408	497
Indianapolis, Ind.....	1	7	7	1	82	303
Houston, Tex.....	2	12	15	193	605	1,644
Seattle, Wash.....	1	11	45	24	1,255	917
Kochville, N.Y.....	3	20	23	44	2,532	415
Indianapolis, Ind.....	1	8	7	11	125	165
Denver, Colo.....	1	7	14	11	1,062	1,000
Total 25 Cities.....	301	2,841	3,001	6,977	50,039	79,490
Balance of Country.....	293	2,367	2,597	9,345	69,931	86,702
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	594	5,208	5,598	16,322	185,970	166,192

United States Failures by States—August 1952

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	Aug. 1952	8 Months 1952	1951	Aug. 1952	8 Months 1952	1951
New England						
Maine.....	1	17	35	1	381	266
New Hampshire.....	1	18	20	153	934	807
Vermont.....	1	6	2	270	270	27
Massachusetts.....	20	257	242	577	9,600	5,649
Connecticut.....	18	139	90	1,150	5,768	3,546
Rhode Island.....	7	63	70	245	2,441	1,132
Total New England.....	52	493	457	2,131	19,192	11,490
Middle Atlantic						
New York.....	192	1,613	1,597	4,300	57,908	46,830
New Jersey.....	20	213	222	762	9,486	9,954
Pennsylvania.....	23	214	260	738	6,514	7,508
Total Middle Atlantic.....	235	2,040	2,079	5,800	73,908	64,292
East North Central						
Ohio.....	18	143	139	277	3,663	5,143
Indiana.....	1	14	35	1	1,024	549
Illinois.....	39	278	286	1,071	9,971	7,064
Michigan.....	10	115	140	265	3,747	4,565
Wisconsin.....	11	94	134	115	2,731	2,921
Total East North Central.....	84	644	738	1,731	21,370	20,941
West North Central						
Minnesota.....	2	55	52	13	1,066	1,133
Iowa.....	1	17	30	142	430	999
Missouri.....	1	46	64	128	2,619	1,886
North Dakota.....	1	5	5	203	263	50
South Dakota.....	1	4	5	75	107	133
Nebraska.....	8	10	12	175	470	560
Total West North Central.....	16	156	198	871	6,993	5,734
South Atlantic						
Maryland.....	9	40	68	136	3,134	4,095
Delaware.....	1	6	3	1	362	8
Virginia.....	5	48	39	50	1,001	1,730
West Virginia.....	4	37	56	115	1,926	1,751
North Carolina.....	1	28	51	559	1,327	1,274
South Carolina.....	1	6	3	1	790	300
Florida.....	1	71	56	1	1,573	2,615
Total South Atlantic.....	36	321	374	1,408	14,037	16,181
East South Central						
Kentucky.....	1	24	25	20	807	523
Tennessee.....	1	56	54	91	1,214	2,100
Alabama.....	1	28	23	1	910	969
Mississippi.....	2	20	34	23	1,379	692
Total East South Central.....	10	128	133	134	3,230	4,020
West South Central						
Arkansas.....	1	9	17	1	546	588
Oklahoma.....	1	15	25	1	1,018	446
Louisiana.....	1	40	51	3	1,102	1,449
Texas.....	12	60	90	746	4,315	4,139
Total West South Central.....	15	130	155	749	7,483	6,666
Mountain						
Montana.....	1	4	1	26	60	4
Idaho.....	2	14	12	6	368	236
Wyoming.....	1	1	1	1	25	23
Colorado.....	1	10	24	1	1,119	3,021
New Mexico.....	1	8	16	12	310	291
Arizona.....	2	35	40	10	1,201	658
Utah.....	2	26	18	227	1,046	206
Nevada.....	1	11	8	10	563	534
Total Mountain.....	13	119	129	353	4,618	4,103
Pacific						
Washington.....	5	82	68	145	2,552	1,402
Oregon.....	8	56	40	219	2,458	2,406
California.....	126	1,079	1,140	2,739	29,500	27,927
Total Pacific.....	139	1,217	1,266	3,103	34,460	31,705
TOTAL UNITED STATES.....	594	5,208	5,598	16,322	185,970	166,192

Canadian Failures by Provinces—August 1952

	Number of Failures			Current Liabilities (Thousands of Dollars)		
	Aug. 1952	8 Months 1952	1951	Aug. 1952	8 Months 1952	1951
Canada						
Newfoundland.....	1	8	3	1	128	184
Prince Edward Island.....	1	1	1	1	217	284
Nova Scotia.....	1	15	14	12	336	260
Quebec.....	43	375	374	1,157	5,451	5,223
Ontario.....	14	100	87	267	2,195	2,008
Manitoba.....	1	15	18	7	1,013	439
Saskatchewan.....	1	4	10	1	14	153
Alberta.....	1	10	8	6	219	151
British Columbia.....	2	32	21	25	561	703
TOTAL CANADA.....	62	611	541	1,514	14,214	12,142

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—August 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	August 1952				January to August 1952				January to August 1951			
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
Mining & Manufacturing....	109	100.0	5,056	5,406	1,076	100.0	70,764	72,293	996	100.0	51,170	52,634
Under \$5,000.....	14	12.9	46	46	122	11.3	356	356	164	16.5	475	475
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	41	37.6	505	505	447	41.5	5,202	5,202	442	44.4	5,338	5,338
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	40	36.7	2,013	2,013	347	32.3	17,554	17,554	264	26.5	13,848	13,848
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	14	12.8	2,492	2,492	152	14.1	34,633	35,892	100	10.0	24,079	24,553
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	8	0.8	16,979	19,229	6	0.6	7,480	8,420
Wholesale Trade.....	60	100.0	2,386	2,386	525	100.0	23,682	23,679	586	100.0	27,344	28,233
Under \$5,000.....	6	10.0	19	19	68	13.0	198	198	84	14.3	248	248
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	30	50.0	344	344	236	44.9	2,981	2,981	295	50.5	3,619	3,619
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	18	30.0	738	738	166	31.6	7,614	7,614	157	26.8	7,565	7,565
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	6	10.0	1,285	1,285	53	10.1	9,983	10,180	40	7.9	9,426	10,315
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	2	0.4	2,886	2,886	3	0.5	6,487	6,487
Retail Trade.....	316	100.0	5,255	5,255	2,686	100.0	51,241	51,307	2,904	100.0	51,857	52,051
Under \$5,000.....	92	29.1	268	268	649	24.2	1,959	1,959	817	28.1	2,319	2,319
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	164	51.9	1,845	1,845	1,524	56.7	17,182	17,182	1,602	55.2	21,531	21,531
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	56	17.7	2,403	2,403	448	16.7	19,944	19,944	429	14.8	17,802	17,802
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	4	1.3	739	739	65	2.4	11,956	12,022	56	1.9	10,145	10,339
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Construction.....	58	100.0	1,816	1,816	562	100.0	21,593	21,623	649	100.0	24,877	24,925
Under \$5,000.....	5	10.4	17	17	77	13.7	222	222	113	17.4	326	326
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	30	51.7	378	378	276	49.1	3,571	3,571	332	51.2	4,184	4,184
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	18	31.0	791	791	155	27.6	7,300	7,300	155	23.9	6,061	6,061
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	4	6.9	630	630	54	9.6	10,500	10,530	48	7.4	12,406	12,454
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0.1	1,000	1,000
Commercial Service.....	51	100.0	1,809	1,809	419	100.0	18,670	18,885	461	100.0	19,944	11,033
Under \$5,000.....	12	23.5	39	39	88	21.0	262	262	116	25.2	334	334
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	27	52.9	349	349	212	50.6	2,538	2,538	242	52.5	2,829	2,829
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	8	15.7	350	350	88	21.0	3,959	3,959	85	18.4	3,602	3,602
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	4	7.9	1,071	1,071	28	6.7	6,393	6,393	18	3.9	4,179	4,268
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	3	0.7	5,733	5,733	..	..	..	..
Total United States.....	594	100.0	16,722	16,672	5,268	100.0	185,970	187,087	5,596	100.0	166,192	168,676
Under \$5,000.....	130	21.9	389	389	1,004	19.1	2,997	2,997	1,294	23.1	3,702	3,702
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	292	49.1	3,421	3,421	2,695	51.2	31,734	31,734	2,914	52.1	37,500	37,500
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	140	23.6	6,295	6,295	1,204	22.8	56,391	56,391	1,110	19.8	49,818	49,818
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	32	5.4	6,217	6,567	352	6.7	73,250	75,017	268	4.8	60,235	61,929
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	..	..	..	..	13	0.2	21,598	21,648	10	0.2	14,917	15,907

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—August 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts	Mining & Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1)	11	846	5	540	30	470	4	107	2	162	52	2,131
New York.....(2)	47	1,802	21	781	118	1,462	11	300	15	317	212	5,062
Philadelphia.....(3)	4	410	2	11	7	103	..	..	..	..	13	524
Cleveland.....(4)	4	165	3	43	13	150	5	86	4	51	29	495
Richmond.....(5)	5	149	2	25	13	190	..	..	2	525	22	889
Atlanta.....(6)	3	131	..	..	9	246	4	155	1	19	17	551
Chicago.....(7)	7	337	8	119	35	506	8	202	6	355	64	1,579
St. Louis.....(8)	..	..	..	..	7	147	1	19	..	..	8	166
Minneapolis.....(9)	2	103	..	..	6	233	..	..	..	..	8	336
Kansas City.....(10)	..	..	3	301	7	82	..	..	1	5	11	388
Dallas.....(11)	2	137	3	85	3	196	4	364	1	24	13	806
San Francisco.....(12)	24	976	13	475	68	1,070	21	523	19	351	145	3,795
Total United States.....	109	5,056	60	2,386	316	5,255	58	1,816	51	1,809	594	16,722

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index				Adjusted Index			
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	29.7	34.0	38.5	25.7	27.8	31.5	26.0	23.8
February.....	31.0	31.0	41.0	15.2	26.3	26.3	34.5	29.8
March.....	31.6	31.2	36.4	35.5	29.5	28.9	33.4	32.9
April.....	34.4	31.9	36.0	38.1	31.0	29.3	33.0	35.0
May.....	28.1	33.5	37.6	34.9	26.5	31.6	35.5	33.2
June.....	30.7	31.2	31.2	35.7	31.0	31.5	31.5	36.1
July.....	25.4	30.7	31.2	32.2	27.3	33.0	33.5	34.6
August.....	25.9	28.9	32.7	33.5	29.1	32.8	37.2	38.1
September.....	..	29.7	29.5	32.7	..	35.4	35.1	38.5
October.....	..	28.5	32.3	35.7	..	31.0	35.5	39.7
November.....	..	29.3	33.7	40.5	..	29.3	33.7	40.5
December.....	..	28.2	30.9	33.0	..	29.7	32.3	34.0
No. Average.....	29.6	30.7	34.3	..	34.4	..	..	..

(*) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

DEFINITIONS

BUSINESS FAILURES include those businesses that ceased operations following assignment or bankruptcy; ceased with loss to creditors after such actions as execution, foreclosure, or attachment; voluntarily withdrew leaving unpaid obligations; were involved in court actions such as receivership, reorganization, or arrangement; or voluntarily compromised with creditors out of court.

CURRENT LIABILITIES, as used in the Failure Record, have a special meaning; they include all accounts and notes payable and all obligations, whether secured or unsecured, known to be held by banks, officers, affiliated companies, supplying companies, or the Government. They do not include long-term, publicly-held obligations. Offsetting assets are not taken into account.

TRADE ACTIVITY IN TWENTY-NINE REGIONS

CONSUMER SPENDING STEADY

Consumer spending in the early part of September remained almost unchanged from a year ago. Many retailers reverted to night openings as the Fall season got underway. Pressed by demands for a five-day week by employees, a few stores were experimenting with a Tuesday-to-Saturday week.

Purchases of appliances, automobiles and television sets dipped slightly from the preceding months. The sharp spurt in this volume, which had followed the removal of credit controls, appeared to have subsided.

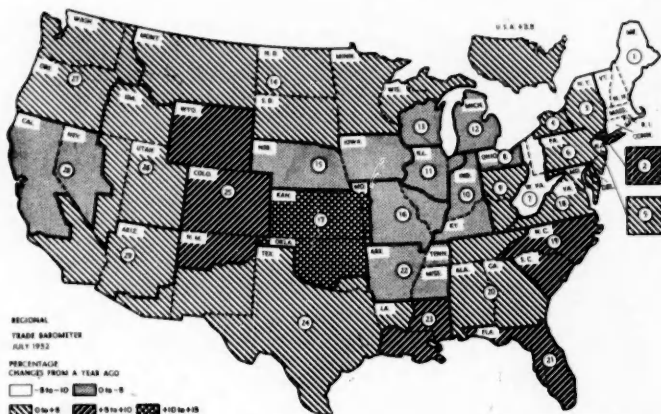
Customers displayed a marked interest in the promotions of Fall apparel while response to the Summer clearance sales lagged slightly. Food volume dipped slightly as consumers displayed resistance to the high prices.

Consumer spending in August remained at near record levels according to the seasonally adjusted DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometer. The preliminary barometer for August was 354.2 which was 6 per cent above a year ago and fractionally higher than July. Sales of all retail stores in August were estimated at \$13.2 billion. They were unchanged from 1951 and a month ago.

The final barometer for July was 354.0. This was 4 per cent above July 1951 and 2 per cent below June 1952. This continued to be near the all-time high registered in July 1950.

The Kansas City Region (17) registered the highest increase over a year ago; it was up 10 per cent. This was partially due to flood conditions in 1951. Because of the steel strike, the Pittsburgh Region (7) reflected the largest decrease, 7 per cent.

Spurred by television sales, the Denver Region (25) rose 5 per cent from June while damage to crops caused the North and South Carolina Region (19) to decline 16 per cent. The Texas Region (24) had the highest barometer and the New England Region (1) had the lowest.



REGIONAL TRADE BAROMETER COMPARISONS

Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1935-1939 = 100)

REGION	July 1952	Change from July 1951 %	June 1952	Change from June 1952 %	Comparison with U. S. %	Retail Sales 1948 %
United States	354.0	+ 3.5	360.7	- 1.8	...	100.0
1. New England	228.9	- 5.2	256.6	-10.8	-35.3	6.1
2. New York City	285.7	+ 5.9	280.5	+ 1.8	-20.8	7.7
3. Albany, Utica and Syracuse	314.1	+ 1.1	316.6	- 6.7	-11.3	2.2
4. Buffalo and Rochester	312.6	+ 0.5	326.0	- 4.1	-11.7	1.7
5. Northern New Jersey	239.1	+ 1.1	268.2	-10.9	-32.5	2.6
6. Philadelphia	292.9	+ 0.3	311.2	- 5.9	-17.3	5.8
7. Pittsburgh	292.4	- 7.2	309.3	- 5.5	-17.4	3.6
8. Cleveland	370.8	- 1.1	375.7	- 1.3	+ 4.7	2.8
9. Cincinnati and Columbus	387.4	+ 2.4	374.2	+ 3.5	+ 9.4	3.0
10. Indianapolis and Louisville	387.3	- 2.5	403.1	- 3.9	+ 9.4	2.9
11. Chicago	303.3	- 1.0	291.4	+ 4.1	-14.3	6.6
12. Detroit	358.3	- 3.9	382.8	- 6.4	+ 1.2	4.4
13. Milwaukee	358.7	- 0.9	370.6	- 3.2	+ 1.3	2.1
14. Minneapolis and St. Paul	312.8	+ 3.2	322.4	- 3.0	-11.6	4.2
15. Iowa and Nebraska	319.1	- 1.5	332.4	- 4.0	+ 9.9	3.0
16. St. Louis	306.3	- 3.4	320.1	- 4.3	-13.5	2.6
17. Kansas City	367.4	+10.1	404.1	- 9.1	+ 3.8	3.4
18. Maryland and Virginia	337.8	+ 3.3	351.2	- 3.8	- 4.6	4.0
19. North and South Carolina	382.7	+ 6.1	457.2	-16.2	+ 8.1	2.6
20. Atlanta and Birmingham	443.0	+ 2.2	504.7	-12.2	+25.1	3.9
21. Florida	463.6	+ 5.2	472.3	- 1.8	+31.0	1.8
22. Memphis	369.3	- 1.0	403.1	- 8.4	+ 4.3	1.7
23. New Orleans	429.9	+ 7.5	442.6	- 2.9	+21.4	1.5
24. Texas	495.2	+ 4.5	482.6	+ 2.6	+39.9	5.6
25. Denver	365.3	+ 5.4	346.7	+ 5.3	+ 3.2	1.4
26. Salt Lake City	320.3	+ 3.5	372.7	-14.1	+ 9.5	0.9
27. Portland and Seattle	363.4	+ 2.0	375.7	- 3.3	+ 2.7	3.0
28. San Francisco	345.4	- 0.7	381.7	- 9.5	- 2.4	4.0
29. Los Angeles	357.1	+ 3.5	380.0	- 8.2	+ 0.9	4.9

* Revised

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 1

July—Barometer 11% below June, 6% below year ago, 35% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with year ago: New Haven +10%, Lowell-Lawrence +6%, Boston +5%, Springfield +4%, Providence unchanged. Collections compared with year ago: Hartford and New Haven more prompt, Manchester unchanged, Boston, New Bedford, Providence and Springfield slower. Tourist trade at record levels.

Region 2

July—Barometer 2% above June, 6% above year ago, 21% below U. S.

August—New York City department store sales 7% below year ago. Retailers still offered discounts on fair-traded items although not as openly as prior to passage of new fair trade law. Upper Fifth Avenue stores tested night openings over vigorous protests of a few stores. Collections slower than a year ago and slightly more prompt than month ago.

Region 3

July—Barometer 7% below June, 1% above year ago, 11% below U. S.

August—Syracuse department store sales unchanged from year ago. Total retail sales compared with year ago: Utica +8%, Binghamton +4%, Syracuse +3%, Albany unchanged. Collections compared with a year ago: more prompt Utica, unchanged Albany and Syracuse, slower Binghamton. State fair in Syracuse boosted trade levels.

Region 4

July—Barometer 4% below June, 1% above year ago, 12% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with year ago: Buffalo +1%, Rochester -3%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Buffalo +3%, Rochester +2%, Elmira -5%. Collections compared with year ago: Elmira unchanged, Buffalo and Rochester slower. Transit strikes in Buffalo and Elmira lowered retail activity.

Region 5

July—Barometer 11% below June, 1% above year ago, 32% below U. S.

August—Trade conditions in Newark compared with a year ago: department store sales -3%, total retail trade -4%, wholesale trade -3%. Collections slower than both year ago and month ago. Industrial output steady as losses by non-durable industries were made up by production gains of durables. Unemployment compensation payments higher.

The DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometers are designed to reflect changes in consumer purchases of commodities in the United States and 29 regions. A description of the barometer and back figures are available without charge.

The regional trade summaries are based upon data collected and weighed by the local DUN & BRADSTREET offices. Department store sales, reported by the Federal Reserve District Banks, are for the four weeks ended August 30, 1952.

Region 6

July—Barometer 6% below June, slightly above 1951, 17% below U. S.

August—Philadelphia department store sales 2% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Lancaster and Philadelphia +5%, Wilmington +3%, Allentown +2%, Scranton +1%, York unchanged, Trenton -2%, Philadelphia -4%, Harrisburg -5%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago.

Region 7

July—Barometer 6% below June, 7% below year ago, 17% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Pittsburgh +3%, Erie -3%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Charleston +6%, Wheeling, Huntington and Pittsburgh +5%, Youngstown unchanged, Erie -8%. Collections compared with a year ago: unchanged Wheeling, slower Charleston, Huntington, Pittsburgh and Youngstown.

Region 8

July—Barometer 1% below June and a year ago, 5% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Akron +5%, Cleveland +1%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Akron +6%, Cleveland -2%, Toledo -5%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Akron +2%, Cleveland -1%, Toledo -4%. Collections slower to unchanged from a year ago.

Region 9

July—Barometer 4% above June, 2% above year ago, 9% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with year ago: Columbus +10%, Cincinnati +6%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Lima +5%, Dayton +2%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Columbus +7%, Dayton unchanged, Cincinnati -2%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago.

Region 10

July—Barometer 4% below June, 2% below year ago, 9% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Louisville +7%, Indianapolis +2%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Evansville +10%, Indianapolis +1%, Terre Haute -25%, Fort Wayne -8%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Evansville +15%, Terre Haute -2%, Fort Wayne -3%, Indianapolis -8%.

Region 11

July—Barometer 4% above June, 1% below month ago, 14% below U. S.

August—Chicago department store sales 1% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Rockford +21%, Springfield +7%, Chicago +5%, Peoria -2%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Chicago +7%, Springfield +4%, Peoria -1%. Collections compared with year ago: more prompt Chicago, unchanged Rockford.

Region 12

July—Barometer 6% below June, 4% below year ago, 1% above U. S.

August—Detroit department store sales 1% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Grand Rapids +8%, Saginaw +3%, Detroit -1%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Grand Rapids +5%, Saginaw +1%, Detroit unchanged. Collections compared with a year ago: Grand Rapids and Saginaw unchanged, Detroit slower.

Region 13

July—Barometer 3% below June, 1% below year ago, 1% above U. S.

August—Milwaukee department store sales 2% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Green Bay -5%, Milwaukee +1%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Milwaukee +1%, Green Bay -2%. Collections compared with a year ago: unchanged Green Bay, slower Milwaukee. Shortage of skilled machinists and mechanics.

Region 14

July—Barometer 3% below June, 3% above year ago, 12% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Duluth-Superior +3%, Minneapolis +2%, St. Paul +1%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Butte +7%, Fargo +4%, Sioux Falls and St. Paul +3%, Minneapolis +1%, Billings unchanged, Duluth -5%. Collections unchanged from a year ago except in Duluth and St. Paul.

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 15

July—Barometer 4% below June, 2% below year ago, 10% above U. S.

August—Nebraska department store sales 12% above year ago. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: Dubuque +4%, Lincoln +3%, Cedar Rapids +2%, Des Moines and Omaha +1%, Davenport -4%, Sioux City -8%. Collections compared with year ago: unchanged Cedar Rapids, Davenport and Sioux City, slower Des Moines.

Region 16

July—Barometer 4% below June, 3% below year ago, 14% below U. S.

August—Trade conditions in St. Louis compared with year ago: department store sales +5%, total retail trade +5%, wholesale trade +10%. Collections slower than both a year ago and a month ago. Truckers' strike settled at end of July and sales rose more than seasonally at all levels. Heavy promotions of apparel and television sets were quite common.

Region 17

July—Barometer 9% below June, 10% above year ago, 4% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Tulsa +16%, Kansas City +6%, Oklahoma City +4%, Wichita unchanged. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Kansas City +7%, Oklahoma City and Tulsa +5%, Wichita +1%, St. Joseph unchanged, Topeka -5%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago.

Region 18

July—Barometer 4% below June, 3% above year ago, 5% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Baltimore +2%, Washington -2%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Richmond +8%, Roanoke +7%, Norfolk and Baltimore +5%, Bristol +1%, Washington -2%, Lynchburg -5%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago, unchanged from month ago.

Region 19

July—Barometer 16% below June, 6% above year ago, 8% above U. S.

August—Total retail sales compared with year ago: Charleston +13%, Greenville +10%, Raleigh +6%, Greensboro +5%, Charlotte and Winston-Salem +3%, Columbia -1%. Collections compared with year ago: more prompt Greenville, unchanged Charleston, Charlotte, Columbia, Greensboro and Winston-Salem, slower Raleigh.

Region 20

July—Barometer 12% below June, 2% above year ago, 25% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Augusta +29%, Atlanta +10%, Nashville +4%, Birmingham +3%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Montgomery +16%, Chattanooga +10%, Columbus +8%, Macon +5%, Mobile and Knoxville +2%, Savannah -4%. Collections unchanged to slower than a year ago.

Region 21

July—Barometer 2% below June, 5% above year ago, 31% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Miami +12%, Jacksonville +9%. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: Jacksonville +7%, Miami +4%, Tampa -2%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Jacksonville +5%, Tampa +3%, Miami -4%. Collections slower than a year ago in Jacksonville and Miami.

Region 22

July—Barometer 8% below June, 1% below year ago, 4% above U. S.

August—Trade conditions in Little Rock compared with a year ago: department store sales +8%, total retail sales +3%, wholesale sales +2%, collections unchanged. Trade conditions in Memphis compared with a year ago: department store sales unchanged, total retail sales +7%, wholesale sales -2%, collections slower. Cotton estimates lowered.

Region 23

July—Barometer 3% below June, 8% above year ago, 21% above U. S.

August—Trade conditions in New Orleans compared with a year ago: department store sales +10%, total retail sales +5%, wholesale sales +4%. Retailers' collections slower than a year ago, wholesalers' and manufacturers' unchanged. Industrial production above a year ago. Manufacturers' inventories continued to decline.

Region 24

July—Barometer 3% above June, 4% above year ago, 40% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: El Paso and Houston +13%, Fort Worth and Dallas +6%, San Antonio +5%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: El Paso +12%, Beaumont, Lubbock and Shreveport +5%, Fort Worth +4%, Houston +3%, Wichita Falls -2%, Austin -3%, San Antonio -4%, Dallas -5%.

Region 25

July—Barometer 5% above June, and a year ago, 3% above U. S.

August—Denver department store sales 7% above a year ago. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: Denver +11%, Albuquerque -2%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: Albuquerque +3%, Denver unchanged. Denver collections unchanged from a year ago and Albuquerque slower. TV sets in Denver were sold at a rate of 2,500 a week.

Region 26

July—Barometer 14% below June, 4% above year ago, 10% above U. S.

August—Trade conditions in Salt Lake City compared with a year ago: department store sales +8%, total retail sales +12%, wholesale sales +10%. Collections slower than a year ago and unchanged from a month ago. Hail storms damaged crops. Pipe lines from Salt Lake City to Boise, Idaho and Sinclair, Wyo., under construction.

Region 27

July—Barometer 3% below June, 2% above year ago, 3% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Seattle +8%, Portland +5%, Spokane unchanged. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: Portland +9%, Tacoma +3%, Seattle +2%, Spokane -3%. Collections compared with a year ago: unchanged Portland, Spokane and Tacoma, slower Seattle. Flour output above 1951.

Region 28

July—Barometer 10% below June, 1% below year ago, 2% below U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Oakland +5%, San Francisco -2%. Total retail sales compared with a year ago: San Francisco -2%, Fresno -8%. Wholesale sales compared with a year ago: Fresno unchanged, San Francisco -12%. Collections unchanged from year ago. Heavy competition among fruit packers.

Region 29

July—Barometer 8% below June, 4% above year ago, 1% above U. S.

August—Department store sales compared with 1951: Los Angeles +8%, San Diego +6%. Total retail sales compared with 1951: San Diego +5%, Los Angeles unchanged, Phoenix -3%. Wholesale trade compared with 1951: Los Angeles +4%, Phoenix -4%. Collections in Phoenix more prompt than 1951 and unchanged in Los Angeles.